

LIFESTYLES

Sandwich unity

The humble and satisfying sandwich can be found in nearly every culture. From classic American PB&Js to hoagies and burgers, wraps and clubs, pockets and panini, and an international smattering of open-face toasts and tartines, there is a version of a sandwich for every cuisine and appetite. In honor of the sandwich and its universal appeal, I submit to you a delectable recipe for banh



mi, which is guaranteed to whisk you away from the daily humdrum of sheltering, ZOOM meetings, discordant news and the winter blues – at least for lunch. Banh mi is the Vietnamese rendition of a sandwich with French sensibilities. It's a creation influenced by the lengthy colonization of Vietnam by France. French baguette, pate and mayonnaise meet the fragrance and spice of Southeast Asia, layered with lacquered meats, chiles, pickles and cilantro in a double-fisted whopper of a sandwich. The appeal of banh mi lies in a perfect balance of spicy, salty, sweet and piquant flavors matched by a satisfying blend of textures – crusty tender bread, sprigs of leafy herbs, sharp pickles and a creamy chile-spiked mayo sauce. It's a loaded sandwich, and in keeping with sandwich ethos, a great way to repurpose leftover meats, such as pork, chicken and duck. In this recipe, the cooked meat is shredded and tossed in a sweet and salty vinaigrette, then reheated in the oven until warm and crisp. A smear of liver pate is an au-

thentic addition to banh mi, but I have not included it, opting for another generous smear of the chile-spiked mayo. If you would like to add pate, then by all means do so. Have a nice lunch break!

Banh Mi
Active Time: 30 minutes
Total Time: 30 minutes, plus pickling time
Yield: Makes 4 sandwiches

Quick Pickles:
1 large carrot, peeled, cut into matchsticks
1 (4-inch) daikon, peeled, cut into matchsticks
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup unseasoned rice wine vinegar

Spicy Mayo:
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1 to 2 teaspoons Asian hot sauce, such as Sriracha
1 teaspoon fresh lime juice

For sandwich:
2 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons light brown sugar
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
2 teaspoons Asian hot sauce, such as Sriracha
1/4 teaspoon ground coriander
3/4 to 1 pound cooked and shredded pork shoulder, chicken thigh meat or duck leg meat
4 crusty French dinner rolls or 1 French-style baguette cut into 4 (5-inch) pieces, split crosswise
1/2 English cucumber, thinly sliced
1 to 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded, thinly sliced
1 cup fresh cilantro sprigs

Optional: 1/3 cup pate

Quick-pickle the vegetables: Combine the carrot and daikon in a bowl. Sprinkle the sugar and salt over and, using your fingers, rub the vegetables until the sugar and salt dissolve and the vegetables begin to soften. Stir in the vinegar and let stand for at least 30 minutes (or refrigerate for up to 24 hours).



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Drain before using. Whisk all of the mayo ingredients in a small bowl. Chill until use. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Whisk the soy sauce, sugar, oil, hot sauce

and coriander in a bowl. Add the meat and mix to thoroughly coat. Spread the meat in a small baking dish. Transfer to the oven and cook until crisp and slightly caramelized in parts, 6 to 8

minutes, stirring once. To assemble, spread about 1 tablespoon mayo on each bottom roll half. Top with a layer of cucumber, then mound some quick pickles over the cucumber. Top

Cowboy bars and hotels – blood drives have changed with the pandemic times

By **ROBERT PATRICK**
St. Louis Post-Dispatch (TNS)

ST. LOUIS — A mechanical bull, whiskey signs and ... blood bags? The scene at the PBR St. Louis in Ballpark Village last week is not normal for either a bar or a Red Cross blood drive, but the coronavirus pandemic has forced the group to get creative. “Giving blood next to a mechanical bull was kind of an odd scenario,” said longtime donor Diana VanDuyne, 60, who added that she was surprised but not bothered by the location. Joe Zydlo, a Red Cross spokesman, said 18 percent to 20 percent of blood drives nationwide are at schools, which were either closed entirely or closed to visitors starting last March. Corporate blood drives were canceled because workers were at home. The largest blood drive in the country is one held

yearly at Mizzou in October, routinely collecting 900 to 1,000 units per day for four days, Zydlo said. The Red Cross was forced to make up for the loss of roughly 4,000 units when that was canceled. “We were able to overcome that ... because of other businesses stepping up,” Zydlo said, with so-called “alternate venue drives.” Zydlo said that the Red Cross has long partnered with Drury Inn. But the company hosted new drives at hotels across the state, along with other hotel companies. Carrie Sheridan, vice president of sales and marketing for Drury, said the company has hosted over 81 blood drives in 10 cities in four states since their first hotel blood drive in April. “Hotels struggled. We had a lot of empty inventory,” she said. “They struggled ... so it meant for a nice partnership through this time.”



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Blood donor Emily Henman, far right, watches as Red Cross nurse Rickeya Alton prepares to start her blood donation during a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Embassy Suites in St. Charles, Missouri on Feb. 8.

To claim your stimulus payment, look for Line 30 on your 1040 tax form

This will be a frustrating tax season for a lot of reasons. But the overarching concern for millions of Americans will be how to claim their stimulus payments.

And it's all going to come

Michelle Singletary



down to what people put on Line 30 on their tax form. That's the line on Page 2 where you claim the "Recovery Rebate Credit," better known to struggling households as the stimulus payment. Here's what you need to know about claiming a stimulus payment on your tax return this year. **Can you recap the amounts of the stimulus payments?** First Round: The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (Cares) Act, which passed in the spring, authorized payments of up to \$1,200 for individuals and \$2,400 for couples filing jointly, based on 2018 or 2019 federal returns. There's an extra \$500 payment for eligible children under 17. The amount of your stimulus payment is based on your adjusted gross income (AGI). But you don't have to have an income to qualify for a payment. Second Round: The more recent Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, passed at the end of December, called for additional stimulus payments of up to \$600 per adult (\$1,200 for couples), plus \$600 for each qualifying child under 17. Possible Third Round: The details are still being negotiated in Congress, but

the latest stimulus relief under discussion would distribute \$1,400 payments to individuals and \$2,800 to married couples. Under the Democratic plan, parents would receive an additional \$1,400 per qualifying child. There are also discussions of giving money to parents for adult dependents such as college students or adults with disabilities living at home. **Who has to fill in Line 30?** If you received the full amount due for the first and second round of stimulus payments, including any payments for eligible children, you don't have to do anything. "You only make an entry on Line 30 if you are actually claiming the credit," according to IRS spokesman Eric Smith. "Otherwise, you leave it blank. "If you already know you already got the full amount, there's no reason to bother with any of it." There's already been some confusion – even among tax professionals – about Line 30, with one preparer telling me he thought people had to put down how much they received for both payments. He was wrong. You may claim the credit if you didn't get a stimulus payment or if you didn't get the full amount you were due for yourself or for any eligible children, says Lisa Greene-Lewis, a certified public accountant and tax expert for TurboTax. The stimulus payments were based on your 2018 or 2019 tax year information. However, the eligibility for the recovery rebate credit is based on your adjusted gross income on your 2020 tax return. So, if you earned too much and didn't get advance stimulus payments

but your income dropped last year, you may still be eligible to claim the credit when you file your return. **What exactly do I put on Line 30?** You will only fill in the amount of the total credit you are due from either the first or second round or both. If you received a partial payment you would include the balance of the credit you are owed. You may have received the full stimulus payment for yourself, but you had a child in 2020. If you're eligible for both payments you would claim the full \$1,100 for the baby (\$500 from the first stimulus round and \$600 from the second). There's a worksheet with the 1040 instructions to help you determine your recovery rebate credit amount. A tax professional or do-it-yourself tax software will help you figure out how much to claim. Also, you don't need to file the worksheet with your return. "It's merely a worthwhile mechanism for arriving at the correct amount, if any, to put on Line 30," said the IRS's Smith. **I can't recall how much I received. How do I verify my payment?** You should have received IRS Notice 1444 for the first economic impact payment, and Notice 1444-B for the second one. "Taxpayers should keep these notices for their records," says Sarah Shannonhouse, manager for tax practice and ethics with the American Institute of CPAs. **How can I get a replacement notice if I've lost it or never received one?** You can find a copy online if you have an IRS tax account. Go to irs.gov

and search for "View Your Account Information." The amounts of your stimulus payments are found under the tax records tab. The IRS says you should find two separate amounts: the total amount of your first economic impact payment, if you've received multiple payments, and the amount for your second payment. If you and your spouse received joint payments, each of you will need to sign into your own account to retrieve your separate amounts, the IRS says. If you don't have a tax account, you'll have to create one. But this may not be easy for some people. The IRS has to verify your identity. It's supposed to take about 15 minutes. However, if you get stumped on the security questions or you don't have a U.S.-based and text-enabled mobile number connected to your name, or the IRS can't verify your number (this happened to me), you'll have to wait for an activation code to be mailed. The IRS says to allow 10 business days for delivery. But when you factor in delays at the dysfunctional U.S. Postal Service, that timeline may be wishful thinking. *Readers can write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Follow her on Twitter (@SingletaryM) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichelleSingletary). Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer's name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.*

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Catholic Church Province of Indianapolis

According to Jennifer Simerman, secretary for communications for Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the following statement has been issued by the Catholic bishops of the Province of Indianapolis, which is comprised of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the dioceses of Gary, Lafayette, Fort Wayne-South Bend and Evansville: "While commending our pastors and pastoral life coordinators who have gone to great lengths to assure safe worship spaces in our churches, given the continued increase of COVID-19 cases in our state, the Indiana bishops hereby extend the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation beyond Sunday, Nov. 1 until further notice. The Indiana bishops will continue to monitor the situation to determine when it might be advisable to modify or lift the dispensation." Specific liturgical directives and recommendations, as well as remote Mass participation and resource options, are available on the diocesan website at www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19.

Christ United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Feb. 14 worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is at 10 a.m. Pastor Tom Richards' scripture reading will be Matthew 5:13-16 with a sermon reflection titled, "Salty Dogs." Worship service will also be live streamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

Pastor Joe Bellone's sermons are posted (with handouts) on both Facebook and YouTube under "College Corner Brethren Church."

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. COVID-19 precautions will be taken in the form of masks being worn by prayer house representatives and social distancing. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church

At the Sunday, Feb. 14 services at the Dora Christian Church in Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist Sherry Brock and the organist Kristy Good. We are still having two in-person morning Sunday Services at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday School classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Preacher Mark Wisniewski's message for this Sunday will be, "Hoping Against Hope" from Romans 4:16-18 as a part of the February sermon series on "Hope." The Communion Table will be served by Chuck Marion and Brad Frieden. There will be a Children's Church provided for the 10:30 a.m. service, to be taught by Holli Good and Brooke Swope. If you can't make it to the live services, Preacher Mark Wisniewski's sermon will be posted on the Dora Christian Church Facebook

group Sunday morning for all to see.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

Lincolnton United Methodist Church

Lincolnton United Methodist Church, 5848 E. 500 South, will continue to have two in-person worship services, one at 9 a.m. and the second at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call Pastor John Cook at 260-563-1406.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-

stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, "Manchester CoB YouTube Channel." After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live-stream in the same way. Another way to access the live-stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click "Live Streaming" at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Roann United Methodist Church

Pastor Wayne Balmer will have service in-person at the church along with being online at 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 14. The sermon will be taken from 1 Corinthi-

ans 13:4-7 titled, "Love Is." This is Noisy Bucket Sunday, with an offering for children's ministries.

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select "Worship Videos." The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At the Wabash Church of the Brethren, Pastor Doug Veal is holding a Zoom meeting each Sunday for worship. The meeting is open at 10:15 a.m. so that everyone can be connected by 10:30 a.m. Join this church service by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/393263884> or by calling 312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID No. 393 263 884.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) offers streaming at 9:30 a.m. Sundays both on their website at wabashchristian.org and Facebook page, Wabash Christian Church. The minister is Rev. Haley Asberry.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson,

of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for "Wabash Nazarene" or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find "Latest Sermon."

Wabash First Church of God

At the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Feb. 14 at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on "Render Not Judgment." The sermon can also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11:00 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM. While in the church building, masks are optional but we do practice social distancing. Sunday servants are Todd Eltzroth, chairperson; Sherry Whitt, worship; Nancy Kolb, piano; and Rose Sands, organ.

Walk By Faith Community Church

Pastor Greg Wilburn of Roann's Walk By Faith Community Church says to access his online sermons at www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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Trump lawyers say that Democrats urge supporters to ‘fight,’ too

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WASHINGTON — Lawyers for Donald Trump defended him against impeachment Friday by accusing Democrats of waging a campaign of “hatred” against the former president and manipulating his words in the lead-up to the deadly siege of the U.S. Capitol. Their presentation included a blizzard of their own selectively edited fiery comments from Democrats.

The Trump legal team characterized the impeachment case as a politically motivated “witch hunt” — an outgrowth, they said, of years of efforts to drive him from office — and they sought to reduce the case to Trump’s use of a single word, “fight,” in a speech preceding the Jan. 6 riot. They played dozens of clips showing Democrats, some of them senators now serving as jurors, using the same word to energize supporters in speeches railing against Trump.

“You didn’t do anything wrong” in using the word, Trump attorney David Schoen told the senators. “But, please, stop the hypocrisy.”

The Trump defense team left out that what Trump was doing in telling his supporters to “fight like hell” was to undermine a national election after every state had verified its results, after the Electoral College had affirmed them and after nearly every election lawsuit filed by Trump and his allies had been rejected in court. Instead, they contended, he was telling the crowd to support primary challenges against his adversaries and to press for sweeping election reform — something he was entitled to do.

The case is speeding toward a conclusion and near-certain acquittal, perhaps as soon as Saturday, with Trump’s lawyers making an abbreviated presentation that used less than three of their allotted 16 hours. The defense arguments and the quick pivot to the Democrats’ own words deflected from the central question of the trial — whether Trump incited the assault on the Capitol — and instead aimed to place impeachment managers and Trump adversaries on the defensive.

After a two-day effort by Democrats to sync up Trump’s words to the violence that followed, including through raw and emotive video footage, defense lawyers suggested that Democrats have typically engaged in the same overheated rhetoric as Trump.

But in trying to draw that equivalency, the defenders minimized Trump’s monthslong, efforts to undermine the election results and his urging of followers to do the same. Democrats say that long campaign, rooted in a “big lie,” laid the groundwork for the mob that assembled outside the Capitol and stormed inside. Five people died.

Without Trump, who in a speech at a rally preceding the violence told supporters to “fight like hell,” the violence would never have happened, Democrats say.

“And so they came, draped in Trump’s flag, and used our flag, the American flag, to batter and to bludgeon,” Rep. Madeleine Dean, one of the impeachment managers, said Thursday as she choked back emotion.

On Friday, as defense lawyers repeated their own videos over and over, some Democrats chuckled and whispered among themselves as almost all of their faces flashed on the screen. Some passed notes. Connecticut Sen. Richard Blumenthal threw up his hands, apparently amused, when his face appeared. Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar rolled her eyes. Most Republicans watched intently.

During a break, some joked about the videos and others said they were a distraction or a “false equivalence” with Trump’s behavior.

“Well we heard the word ‘fight’ a lot,” said Maine Sen. Angus King, an independent who caucuses with the Democrats.

Colorado Sen. Michael Ben-

nett said it felt like the lawyers were “erecting straw men to then take them down rather than deal with the facts.”

“Show me any time that the result was that one of our supporters pulled someone out of the crowd, and then we said, ‘That’s great, good for you,’” said Delaware Sen. Chris Coons.

Trump’s defenders told senators that Trump was entitled to dispute the 2020 election results and that his doing so did not amount to inciting the violence. They sought to turn the tables on prosecutors by likening the Democrats’ questioning of the legitimacy of Trump’s 2016 win to his challenge of his election loss. When Trump implored supporters to “fight like hell” on Jan. 6, he was speaking figuratively, they said.

This is ordinarily political rhetoric that is virtually indistinguishable from the language that has been used by people across the political spectrum for hundreds of years,” said Michael van der Veen, another Trump lawyer. “Countless politicians have spoken of fighting for our principles.”

The defense team did not dispute the horror of the violence, painstakingly reconstructed by impeachment managers earlier in the week, but said it had been carried out by people who had “hijacked” for their own purposes what was supposed to be a peaceful event and had planned violence before Trump had spoken.

“You can’t incite what was going to happen,” he said.

Acknowledging the reality of the January day is meant to blunt the visceral impact of the House Democrats’ case and quickly pivot to what Trump’s defenders see as the core — and more winnable — issue of the trial: Whether Trump actually incited the riot. The argument is likely to appeal to Republican senators who want to be seen as condemning the violence but without convicting the president.

Anticipating defense efforts to disentangle Trump’s rhetoric from the rioters’ actions, the impeachment managers spent days trying to fuse them together through a reconstruction of never-been-seen video footage alongside clips of the president’s monthslong urging of his supporters to undo the election results.

With little hope of conviction by the required two-thirds of the Senate, Democrats on Thursday delivered a graphic case, describing in stark, personal terms the terror they faced that day — some of it in the very Senate chamber where senators now are sitting as jurors. They used security video of rioters searching menacingly for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Vice President Mike Pence, smashing into the building and engaging in bloody, hand-to-hand combat with police.

Though defense lawyers sought to boil down the case to a single speech, Democrats displayed the many public and explicit instructions Trump gave his supporters well before the White House rally that unleashed the deadly Capitol attack as Congress was certifying Democrat Joe Biden’s victory. And they used the rioters’ own videos and words from Jan. 6 to try to pin responsibility on Trump. “We were invited here,” said one Capitol invader. “Trump sent us,” said another. “He’ll be happy. We’re fighting for Trump.”

Love it or hate it, clergy can’t ignore the internet

Even before the coronavirus crisis, this question haunted pastors: What in God’s name are we supposed to do with the internet?

American clergy aren’t the only ones wrestling with this puzzle. Consider this advice — from Moscow — about online personality cults.

“A priest, sometimes very young, begins to think that he is an experienced pastor — so many subscribers! — able to answer the many questions that come to him in virtual reality,” noted Patriarch Kirill, leader of the Russian Orthodox Church, at a recent diocesan conference. “Such clerics often lose the ability to accept any criticism, and not only on the internet, or respond to objections with endless arguments.”

Pastors eventually have to ask, he added, if their online work is leading people through parish doors and into face-to-face faith communities.

“That is the question of the hour, for sure,” said Savannah Kimberlin, director of published research for the Barna Group. Recent surveys have convinced Barna researchers that “the future church will be a blend of digital and in-person work,” said Kimberlin, but that it’s “up to us to decide what that will look like. ... But isn’t that true of our society as a whole? There are digital solutions for so many issues

Terry Mattingly



In a recent survey, 81 percent of churchgoing adults affirmed that “experiencing God alongside others” was very important to them, she said. At the same time, a majority of those surveyed said they hoped their congregations would continue some forms of online ministry in the future.

Similar paradoxes emerge when researchers studied evangelistic efforts to reach people who are “unchurched” or completely disconnected from religious institutions.

Half of all unchurched adults (52 percent), along with 73 percent of non-Christians, said they are not interested in invitations to church activities. However, a new Barna survey — cooperating with Alpha USA, a nondenominational outreach group — found that 41 percent of non-Christians said they were open to “spiritual conversations about Christianity” if the setting felt friendly.

Online forums and streamed events — experienced at home, with viewers

in control — may offer some newcomers the flexibility and safety that they want.

An Alpha commentary on Barna’s “Five Changing Contexts for Digital Evangelism” report noted that, during the COVID-19 crisis, the internet — even with its weaknesses — has provided some of the only environments in which it’s possible to reach isolated Americans.

“Cafes, pubs and common rooms in cities around the world offer ‘third places’ that have been increasingly, intentionally curated for people to share unhurried moments and conversations,” it noted. However, in the “isolation created by a global pandemic, a generation craving third-place ‘havens’ is being pushed online to find them. As we have found ourselves momentarily restricted from our familiar public spaces, the internet has filled the gap.”

There is no question that loneliness has become a critical issue.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, anxiety, loneliness and thoughts about suicide rose sharply during 2020, with roughly four times as many Americans reporting symptoms of depression in June of 2020 than during a similar 2019 timeframe. Barna research last May found that half of Americans say they have experienced

loneliness at least once a week during the COVID-19 crisis.

Most religious leaders have done everything they can to offer safe, socially distanced services for as many worshippers as possible, said Kimberlin in a telephone interview. Pastors have also stepped “outside their comfort zones” — buying tripods for smartphones, for example — in order to stream services, classes and small-group fellowship gatherings for their members.

The question now, she added, is whether seminaries and denominational leaders are going to accept that some of these changes are here to stay. This will require finding clergy and laypeople who are talented at using digital platforms — to reach members and outsiders — in ways that are effective and appropriate in their religious traditions.

While Barna doesn’t make recommendations on those kinds of issues, Kimberlin did suggest that clergy should “look for young people in their congregations who can help with that. ... They have gifts. They are far more likely to stay connected if you let them contribute to your social-media ministries.”

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100-year-old woman celebrates life, beating COVID-19

By CHRISTINE STEPHENSON
The Herald

DALE — The guests start to wander off as they finish snapping photos of Henrietta (Meyer) Neukam, the star of the show. She’s left sitting in her wheelchair, posed in front of three pink mylar balloons — a one and two zeroes — tied to a massive John Deere tractor.

Someone, realizing she’s alone, walks up to Henrietta and leans down.

“Are you getting tired?” she asks.

“No,” Henrietta responds and wheels herself back to the table to open more cards.

About a dozen family members and church friends gathered, socially distanced, Thursday in a pole barn at Henrietta’s home in Dale to celebrate her 100th birthday.

Henrietta was born Feb. 4, 1921, a few years after the world had begun to recover from a pandemic. She grew up during the depression and married during World War II. Now, she’s living through another pandemic.

Her mother died when she was 12. She was the oldest of four — three brothers and one sister. The family needed a mother figure, so Henrietta was put in charge of raising her siblings.

She cooked three meals a day for the family while also cleaning, tending to the garden and helping on the farm.

“I did it, but it wasn’t fun,” she said, laughing.

Throughout her life, Henrietta never stopped moving. She worked tirelessly on the farm and cooked for her family, with chicken and dumplings as her specialty. Every day for 40 years, she’d take meals out to everyone working on the farm.

On Nov. 10 of last year, her active lifestyle came to

a screeching halt.

Earlier in the month, she met with a neighbor friend who just seemed to have a mild cold. A few days later, Henrietta was diagnosed with COVID-19.

She went through several hospitals and eventually ended up in hospice care. Eight out of every 10 reported COVID-19 deaths in the

U.S. have been adults aged 65 and older, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. People who are 85 and older are at highest risk.

For the most part, Henrietta was only offered medication to help with the pain. Nurses told Rich he needed to be ready to let her go, but he refused to quit on his mom.

“I couldn’t give up on her like that,” he said.

By her birthday, Henrietta was nearly back to her old self. She had gained back about 15 pounds. If it wasn’t for her wheelchair, which she didn’t use before, it’d be hard to tell she fought the deadly disease in the first place.

“We’re just glad she’s here,” Rich said.

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Student has trouble getting homework help from mom

DEAR ABBY: My mom is mad at me. I have been a little bad, but I always do the dishes, sweep, clear the table and take out the trash. Every day when school is finished, I wait for Mom to get off work so she can help me with my homework, but when I do, she gets upset, mad and frustrated and stops talking to me. She tells me to do it myself, but I don't know how to do some. She says I'm smart, but I don't know if I am. Please help me because I want my mom happy. — Stuck Student In North Carolina

DEAR STUDENT: Of course you do. When your mother becomes frustrated while trying to assist with your homework, the reason may be she is stressed about something else after a hard day at work, or she doesn't know the solution. Please take that into consideration, because I have no doubt you are smart and want to please her.

When you get stuck, ask your teacher for help if he or she is available. If that isn't workable, another solution to your problem may be as simple as your mom finding someone who can tutor you in areas you are weak in. High school and college students do this (online for now) for extra money. You may also find help online with Khan Academy or other nonprofit educational organizations.

DEAR ABBY: A couple of our family members habitually come late to gatherings, making the grand entrance. They attended a wedding shower several years ago. They arrived late, ate the food and socialized minimally. Just as the gifts were being opened, the two of them got up, smiled at everyone and walked out. The rest of us were shocked.

Fifteen months later, the two attended a baby shower for the same relative. Again, they arrived late and barely interacted with anyone. When the meal was served, they ate and, just as the presents were about to be opened, they got up and left. Several attendees commented on their rudeness.

How do you deal with relatives who feel this is acceptable behavior? We were brought up to believe that if you attend an event, you stay for the event, rather than eat and run. If you can't stay, don't come.

Older family members are having a hard time accepting their behavior. Are we older folk out of step with today's society? — Hates Rudeness In California

DEAR HATES RUDENESS: The way to deal with this kind of rudeness is to point out to the offenders that what they are doing is disrespectful. And if it happens after the warning, omit them from the guest list.

DEAR ABBY: I clipped and saved a quote you published years ago. Given today's challenges, I thought it might be a good time to reprint it: "Things turn out for the best for those who make the best of the way things turn out." — Bob In New Hampshire

DEAR BOB: Amen to that. And it applies to so many different situations.

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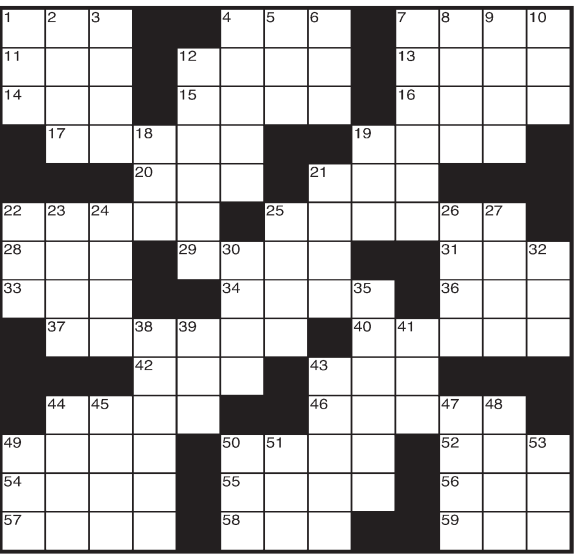
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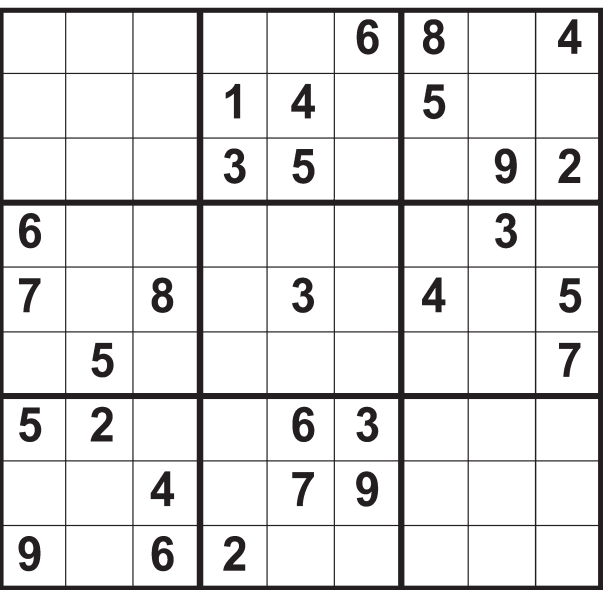
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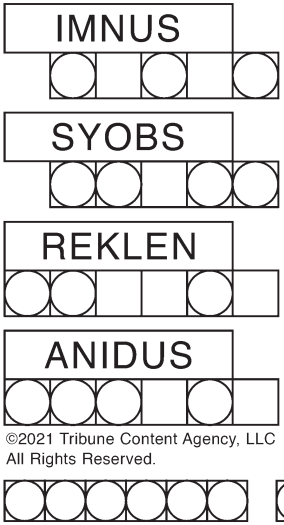
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: VIPER STAND HOMEY CACKLE Answer: With so much preparation and rehearsal, the students' stage performance was — CHILD'S PLAY

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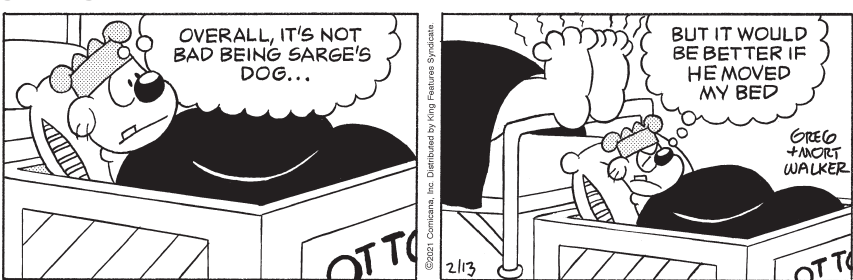
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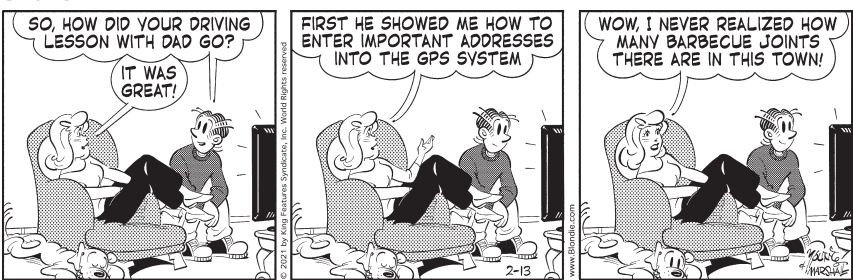
"You didn't draw ANYTHING, PJ! This is just scribble-scrabble."

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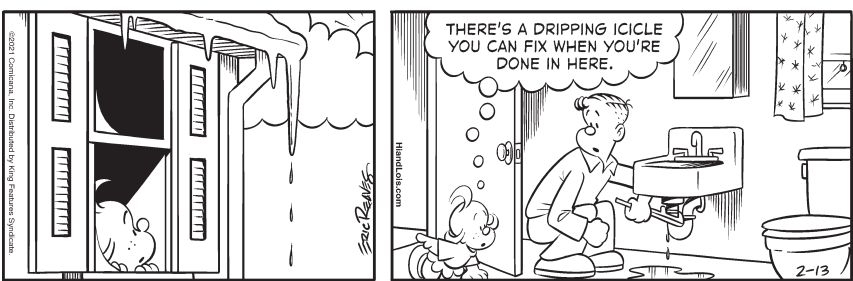
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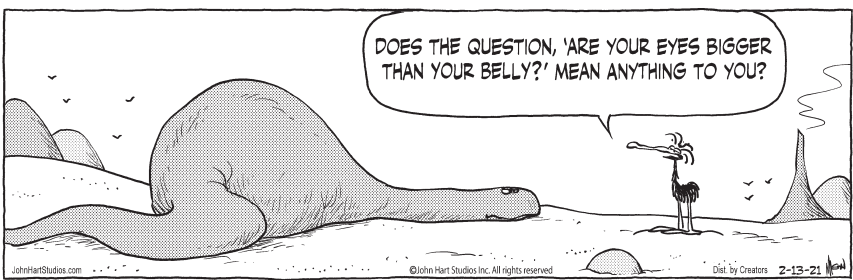
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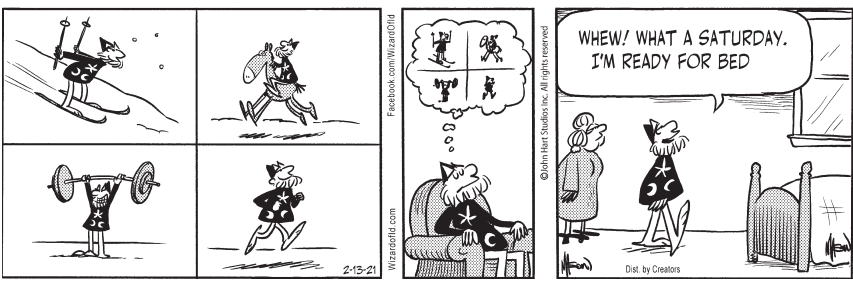
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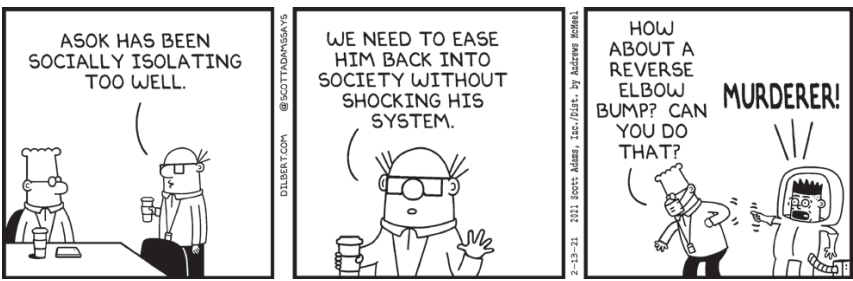
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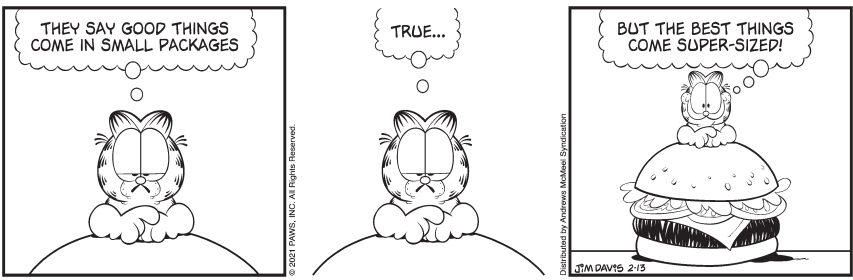
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Christian responsibility is to speak truth in the midst of an unbelieving world

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: If we fight sin are we are not fighting sinners, and is this right? — F.S.

A: Christians understand that the world is embroiled in the great battle between right and wrong, just as the Bible says. "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness" (Isaiah 5:20).

Christian responsibility is to speak truth in the midst of an unbelieving world. When God's people speak the truth from Scripture, it does offend. Some Christians may do this in the wrong spirit, but God's truth remains and God Himself will fight our battles. But this does not

mean that Christians are to be silent when society assaults the Word of God. We must take a stand in light of truth — God's truth.

Mankind has a fighting spirit. There are many words that express this and it is important to understand their meanings. From the beginning man has fought against God and His word. There is an expression that says, "Don't fight it — it's bigger than both of us." But fighting sin is not wrong.

It is important to understand that "we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12). The battles on earth are far less than what is taking place in the heavenly realm known to God. But on earth He empowers His people to be strong and to put on the armor of God.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"OLNCZPS GU XKGZHGZF CYLIX RLIO UGFZGWGPCZX LXXSO, TKSZ RLI COS UIAALUSJ XL YS XKGZHGZF CYLIX ULNSXKGZF SMUS." — ZGPKLMCU UACOHU

Previous Solution: "My customer has her own sense of style ... My goal is to help women become the best version of themselves." — Tom Ford


TODAY'S CLUE: d s i e n b a y



Church Directory

ASSEMBLY OF GOD


Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.


BAPTIST

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses will resume, with safety restrictions, beginning May 23-24, 2020. Everyone attending Mass must wear a face mask. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.


 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro, Welcomes You Back! New Service Time 11:00 AM Sunday, October 4, Sunday November 1 and Sunday December 6. In keeping with COVID-19 State Rules, please wear a mask and socially distance. Let Us Worship Together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.


CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.


CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.


DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

 **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Rev. Haley Asberry, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on Facebook. Services streaming on our website and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

 **Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH


 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.


LUTHERAN

Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

 **Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.

 **Roann United Methodist Church**, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.



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Weekly Scripture Reading						
John 1:19-34	John 1:35-51	John 2:1-12	Luke 4:1-15	Luke 4:16-30	Luke 4:31-44	John 13:1-35
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